

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A cannulated medical instrument for insertion of a medical device over a guide wire comprising:
 - a cannulated driver member configured to engage the medical device and insert the medical device at an insertion rate;
 - a cannulated follower member rotateably engaged with said cannulated driver member, wherein said cannulated follower member is at least partially threaded with an instrument thread pitch and wherein an interior bore of the cannulated driver member is threaded and configured to rotatably engage with said cannulated follower member; and
 - a clasping device connected to said cannulated follower member, wherein said clasping device engages the guide wire and wherein said cannulated follower member moves away from said cannulated driver member at an extraction rate in response to rotation of as said cannulated driver member.
2. (Original) The medical instrument of Claim 1, further comprising a cannulated engaging member connected with said cannulated driver member, said cannulated engaging member configured to engage at least one of fasteners, reamers, and drill bits.

3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) The medical instrument of Claim 1 [4], wherein said cannulated follower member is configured to move distally away at said extraction rate from said cannulated driver member when said cannulated driver member is rotated about said cannulated follower member.
6. (Currently Amended) The medical instrument of Claim 1 5, wherein the medical device is at least partially threaded with a device thread pitch.
7. (Original) The medical instrument of Claim 6, wherein said insertion rate is equal to said extraction rate when said instrument thread pitch is equal to said device thread pitch.
8. (Original) The medical instrument of Claim 6, wherein said insertion rate is greater than said extraction rate when said instrument thread pitch is greater than said device thread pitch.

9. (Original) The medical instrument of Claim 6, wherein said insertion rate is less than said extraction rate when said instrument thread pitch is less than said device thread pitch.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The medical instrument of Claim 1, wherein said clasping device holds the guide wire rotationless when said cannulated driver member rotates relative to said cannulated follower member.

12-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The medical instrument of Claim 1, wherein the cannulated driver member is hand-driven.

19-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) The cannulated medical instrument of Claim 1, wherein said clasping device is configured to hold the guide wire rotationless and in a neutral position while said cannulated driver member rotates.

26-51. (Cancelled)